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SUBJECT: Antonin Zapotocky, report on

TO: Heidelberg, "KNOBBY"
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1. The following information is transmitted to you for such use as you may wish to make of it provided only that you conceal, as well as possible, the identity of the source:

"A Czech refugee has reported to American officials in Germany as follows concerning Antonin Zapotocky, the present day Czechoslovak statesman:

'The Source, a former inmate of Oranienburg, Dachau and Sachsenhausen concentration camps, asserts that in July 1942 at the Oranienburg camp he personally witnessed Zapotocky beat the source's roommate, Marcel Mercon, to death with a rubber hose and wooden clubs. The deceased allegedly was beaten for having received a package from his home in Brussels which parcel, plus others, was confiscated.

'The Source further asserts that from May 1942 to November 1943 Zapotocky beat to death a total of nine persons, including the following:

Marcel Mercon	Approx. age: 26 yrs; murdered July 1942
fm Larie	Approx. age: 35 yrs; murdered July 1942
fm Kapanine	Approx. age: 32 yrs; murdered Dec. 1942

'The Source also claims that from 24 May 1942 to November 1943 he saw Zapotocky at the Oranienburg and Sachsenhausen camps where Zapotocky was employed as a KAPO member entrusted with the tasks of informing upon, feeding and beating the inmates. The Source also believes that Zapotocky worked for KAPO, under Gestapo and SS supervision, at the following camps: Dachau from 1939 to April 1942, Oranienburg and Sachsenhausen from May 1942 to May 1945.'

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'The interrogating agency was impressed by the apparent sincerity of the Source. It is known that Zapotocky was held in German prison camps from 1939-45. It is quite possible that he served as a KAPO member although these groups usually consisted of low type criminals selected by the Gestapo or SS camp leadership.' "